

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0031] with the following amended paragraph:

[0031] The compositions of the present invention may have an amount of unreacted parent C₃-C₉ secondary alcohol (ie, where n is 0) that is less than 15% by weight of the total composition. It is preferred that the composition contain no more than 10% of the parent alcohol. More preferably however, the compositions of the present invention contain no more than 8% of the parent alcohol, for instance, less than or equal to 6.5% by weight of the total composition.

Please replace paragraph [0034] with the following amended paragraph:

[0034] The method for obtaining the desired compositions can be achieved through restricting the degree of ethoxylation of the secondary alcohol and then removing the compounds where (n=0 and/or n=1) from the composition mixture in a single distillation. A person skilled in the art would understand that the degree to which ethoxylation of the compounds of formula (I) can be restricted will be dependent upon the catalyst and reaction conditions used. Primarily, a lower degree of ethoxylation can be achieved by reacting an amount of secondary alcohol which is in a molar excess with respect to the

amount of EO. Preferably the ratio of EO to secondary alcohol is kept below 70 wt %.

More preferably the ratio is below 12 wt %, for instance, below 10 wt %. In this manner the excess parent alcohol can be distilled, recycled, or reused in a further process.